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## GETTING THE BUCK

We live in a country of surprising things and there is always something new to take our attention. We have something new in slang every time the moon changes. "Gets my goat," "Gets his Nanny," and "Passing the Buck," were all expressive in their day, but they are passing into history because they are superseded by a new and expressive phrase, "Getting the Buck," which is a very popular game just now. It does not make much difference how the "Buck" is obtained. The point is to get it.

During the war we heard much about a dollar a year patriots, but investigations reveal the fact that many of them were playing the new game of "Getting the Buck." While they were pretending to work for the Government at a dollar per year, they were speculating on their own hook and making millions off the war at the expense of their country's necessity. They were "Passing the Buck" to the Government and "Getting the Buck" from the people.

The delegates who attended the Republican National convention in Chicago, and others who went as spectators, had to pay from ten to forty dollars per day for rooms at the hotels. The same rooms, on ordinary occasions bring from three to five dollars per day, but it was another phase of the new game of "Getting the Buck." The same condition exists at the San Francisco convention, the same thing goes on all the time, whenever opportunity arises, not only with hotel rates, but nearly everything else.

It is said that sugar is being sold in Toronto, Canada, for ten and twelve cents per pound while we are paying all the way from twenty-five to thirty-five cents per pound and Great Britain is "Getting the Buck," at our expense because the President and Congress played the game of "Passing the Buck" until England tied up the sugar crop for three years.

The clothing manufacturers are "Getting the Buck" in big bunches according to a report just issued by the National sheep and wool bureau of America which says:

"Half a billion pounds of shoddy were thrown on the American clothing market in 1919, while a billion pounds of unmanufactured, virgin wool were accumulating in the storehouses. Shoddy is made of woolen rags, re-spun perhaps as often as eight times. It is woven with a small percentage of virgin wool to stick the broken fibres together. Of the 620,000,000 yards of 'all wool' cloth produced by the nation's mills, the amount of shoddy used would have produced 380,000,000 yards, if straight shoddy cloth had been turned out. Mixed with a little new wool it entered into the composition of a vastly greater yardage. In the same period, the amount of new wool used would have produced 240,000,000 yards of virgin cloth, if it had not been adulterated with shoddy."

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday, July 4th, is Independence Day, so called in honor of the Declaration made by the colonists, who freed themselves from the Mother Country, and made the United States of America possible.

Our government has grown great and powerful since that time, and instead of a struggling handful of poverty stricken people, we are a nation of a hundred ten million, representing great wealth, and an advanced civilization. We have just fought through another great war and our armies have been victorious. We have many things for which to be thankful, and can point with pride to many great accomplishments, but we have need to remember the Declaration of Independence.

It would be very appropriate on this anniversary for us to make a new Declaration of Independence, for we've many things within our own Government and nation that are just as unfair and just as oppressive as the things our forefathers fought against in order to be free from the Mother Country.

If the Mother Country gouged the colonists on taxes, and held them up on prices, it was mild beside what we are enduring right here in the United States, and it's high time we declared our independence and insisted that these injustices should cease. We should declare ourselves independent of the boulder, the grafter, the profiteer and the social parasite, and enforce our declaration, by proper use of the ballot or whatever other means is necessary in order to maintain our freedom and independence for which our forefathers fought.

## IMPORTANT KNOWLEDGE

The three vacancies on the Interstate Commerce Commission have been filled by Mr. Wilson in making recess appointments. There are few places in the Federal service that carry the responsibility borne by the Commissioners, charged as they are with the administration of the railroad act. Their salaries are the same as cabinet officers, \$12,000. Here are the men who got the appointments. Comment is superfluous:

Henry Jones Ford, of Mr. Wilson's state, New Jersey. He is professor of politics at Princeton University, and has written a book entitled "Woodrow Wilson, the Man and His Work," as well as treatises on political theory. There is nothing in his record that indicates any familiarity with transportation problems in any way.

James Duncan of Massachusetts; "Monumental granite cutter, also granite statue cutter." Editor Granite Cutter's Journal. Led the great strike in the granite cutting industry in 1900. Member of the Public Opinion League and American Academy of Political and Social Science. Appointed diplomatic envoy extraordinary to Russia by the President in 1917. Railroad experience conspicuous by its absence.

Mark Winslow Potter, of New York City, lawyer. He has practiced law since 1888, although has some knowledge of railroad, being president of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway, which gives him a more or less personal interest.

In the middle of June, the Secretary of the Treasury issued a bulletin showing the condition of the finances of the United States on February 29. Being only three months and a half behind in making up a financial statement isn't so bad for ancient history but it is some slow for a government supposed to be gifted with American enterprise.

An exchange says that the attorney general is keeping his eye on the profiteers but that does not seem to help much. If he could just get someone with backbone enough to apply some rawhide or some old fashioned tar and feathers, we might hope for relief, but the attorney general's eye seems to be rather weak.

Every day some one has "rung the keynote" at the big National conventions. We wish they would ring off on that keynote stuff and get right down to business and do something worth while. What the people want is some relief from the serious conditions that exist.

How long before we will all be worrying for something to eat if the farmers continue to vacate the farms at the present rate, and the getting of farm help is an impossibility? It would pay Americans to do a little real thinking now, which might save a lot of worrying later.

## ANNUAL REUNION

Pattengill Pupils Hold Thirty-First Yearly Get-Together at Ithaca.

The thirty-first annual reunion of Pattengill pupils was held at Ithaca in Winton's woods, or to be up-to-date, in Woodland park, Friday, June 25, 1920. At the meeting a committee was appointed for the purpose of raising funds for a suitable memorial to the late H. R. Pattengill.

The old officers are to hold over for another year. The meeting for next year will be held at Old Trail farm, the home of the Marvins near Ithaca.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to draft a memorial to the memory of Mr. Pattengill reported through its chairman, Mrs. Mary Hamilton Nelson, as follows: "Whereas: The all-wise Father has called from the activities of life the friend and leader who has been for many years the inspiration and guiding star of this association, we can but bow to the Divine will and mourn the loss of one who has been an influence for good in the lives of every one of us.

"Henry Pattengill has been called an 'Education Inspirationist,' and if he who makes two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before, is a public benefactor, truly he who can awaken the dormant possibilities of the mind and conscience and make individual lives more useful and helpful, starts a good influence that will continue indefinitely in the world, and there should be many stars in his crown.

Mr. Pattengill was not one to say 'Go,' but 'Come' and would himself lead the way; his mind was a generous, whole-souled nature of boundless energy and enthusiasm, whose outstanding characteristics were fidelity to the highest principles of living, and loyalty to his friends.

"Our sympathies are with his family and the friends nearest to him in their bereavement. We, too, had a friend in him; and may we whose lives his has touched keep him in loving remembrance and 'carry on.'"

"Committee: Belle DePeol Brown, Grace Beckwith Hilbourn, Mary Nelson Hamilton.

A committee consisting of Jotham Allen, president, Mary Hamilton Nelson, treasurer, Louis J. Marvin, secretary, Lillian Livingston Hastings, Ce'la Brooke Nichols, Ella Marvin, Albert J. Vance, Howard Potter and Mrs. M. B. Ferrey, was appointed for the purpose of raising funds with which to erect on the capitol grounds at Lansing a suitable monument to the memory of Mr. Pattengill. The subject was discussed at the meeting one year ago and steps taken that something definite might be done at this meeting. At first the idea was to confine the scope of the movement to the old pupils and other friends of Mr. Pattengill in Gratiot county, but, when we consider his educational activities, not only over the entire state of Michigan, but in many other states of our country, it seems that a better way would be to place a suitable monument at the capitol of the state he so dearly loved. There was not other person of so wide an acquaintance and extensive knowledge of Michigan as Mr. Pattengill which came to him through the Moderator-Topics and years of traveling and lecturing in all parts of the state. No other person knew as many teachers as Mr. Pattengill. No other person knew one-half nor one-quarter as many school girls and boys as he. Considering his great acquaintance among the schools of the state it is proposed to make the movement state wide. One cent from every school girl and boy and ten cents from each teacher in Michigan with what other friends will subscribe, will, we think, give a fund with which to erect a suitable monument to the memory of Michigan's greatest educator, the man who placed the stars and stripes on every school house in Michigan, Henry Romaine Pattengill. The treasurer of the committee has sufficient funds in her hands to start the movement.

## SETHTON

Mrs. Roy Hurd and daughters of Ionia were here on business Saturday.

Scott Payne has his new truck. Mr. and Mrs. John Jarvis were at Brice Wednesday visiting at the Joe Jarvis home.

Miss Iris Gardner spent last week at Carson City.

Verne Gardner and family called on Alma friends Sunday afternoon.

The young people's class of the M. E. Sunday school held the regular monthly meeting at the home of Elizabeth and Martha Jackson Friday evening.

B. C. Hubbard of St. Louis was here and at Brice on business Thursday.

Emery Williams and family spent Sunday with relatives in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Knott have been entertaining company from Illinois.

Mrs. Hattie Hyatt has returned from Carson City where she has been nursing.

Earle Wilcox, who has been working in Detroit for several weeks, has returned home.

Ruby Jason has been entertaining a schoolmate for the past week.

## Summer Complaint in Children

There is not anything like so many deaths from this disease now as before. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy came into such general use. When this remedy is given with castor oil as directed and proper care is taken as to diet, it is safe to say that fully ninety-nine out of every hundred cases recover. Mr. W. G. Campbell of Butler, Tenn., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for summer complaint in children. It is far ahead of anything I have ever used for this purpose."

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## FOREST HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Friable are entertaining company from Ohio this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Richardson entertained Mrs. Cora Rogers and son, Howard, and Mrs. Hendershot and son, Peter, of Seville Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Beverley, Mrs. Earl Templin and Miss Nina Perry of Alma were the guests of Mrs. E. N. Post Thursday.

Mrs. J. A. Brown and daughter, Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Failing and son, Duff, and their guests Mesdames Perrigo and Beuhler, called on the Bert Smith and Roy Griffith families at Emerson Sunday. Thomas Deyarmond of Alma was a week end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Richardson. Douglas Hamilton spent from Tuesday until Friday with friends at Coe.

Mrs. Emma Daily is entertaining her son, Archie, and family of Lansing this week.

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First Door West of Wright House

Fred Towersey of Ashley spent the week end with his parents. J. A. Brown made a business trip to Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mrs. M. L. Perrigo and daughter, Mrs. Ivah Beuhler, of Detroit were the guests of the former's sisters, Mrs. B. Failing, and Mrs. J. A. Brown and their families from Thursday until Monday.

The Misses Ethel and Flossie Converse of Mt. Pleasant were the

guests of their sister, Mrs. Dewey Failing, and husband the last of the week.

## LOSS OF APPETITE

As a general rule there is nothing serious about a loss of appetite, and if you skip a meal or only two meals a day for a few days you will soon have a relish for your meals when meal time comes. Bear in mind that at least five hours should always

elapse between meals so as to give the food ample time to digest and the stomach a period of rest before a second meal is taken. Then if you eat no more than you crave and take a reasonable amount of outdoor exercise every day you will not need to worry about your appetite. When the loss of appetite is caused by constipation as is often the case, that should be corrected at once. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will do it.

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